



## Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) Grows Worldwide

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**London, UK.** (April 17, 2012) – The [Global Organic Textile Standard](http://www.global-standard.org) (GOTS) turned five years old in 2011, adding 80 new companies to the list of those with GOTS-certified facilities. By end of the year 2,714 facilities in 57 countries around the world were certified to the organic apparel and textile standard.

The ten countries with the greatest increase in facilities gaining GOTS certification in 2011 were: Germany, India, U.S., Austria, Bangladesh, Switzerland, Greece, France, Belgium and Denmark.

New GOTS certified businesses in 2011 in the UK include: Fifth Column, Mobecot, West Yeo Farm, Kite Kids and Ystrad Farm. In addition, since the introduction in late 2011 of the GOTS scheme to approve chemical inputs for organic textile processing, Soil Association Certification have approved dyes/inks and auxiliaries from Fujifilm Sericol, The Organic Herb Trading Co, Vickers Oils, Colormaker, Tennants Textile Colours, S&D Associates, Magna Colours, ACI Group.

GOTS is the most comprehensive voluntary global standard that covers the entire post-harvest processing and manufacture (including spinning, knitting, weaving, dyeing and manufacturing) of apparel and home textiles made with organic fibre. The standard includes both environmental and social provisions.

Key elements include a ban on the use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs), highly hazardous chemicals and child labor, while requiring social compliance management systems and strict waste water treatment practices.

All B2B-activities are covered by the certification system of GOTS and wholesalers must be certified to market GOTS labeled products.

GOTS has representatives in the U.S., Scandinavia, Japan, India, Australia/New Zealand, Germany as well as the UK. For more information on the Global Organic Textile Standard, contact the UK representative Christopher Stopes ([stopes@global-standard.org](mailto:stopes@global-standard.org)) or visit [www.global-standard.org](http://www.global-standard.org). A trailer for the short film “*The Global Organic Textile Standard – Ecology and Social Responsibility*” is available at <http://global-standard.org/information-centre/gotsfilm.html>. The free DVD can be ordered on-line by businesses, organizations, and individuals.

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